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SUBJECT: COORDINATING OVERSEAS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO COMBAT TERRORISM - ETHIOPIA

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¶1. (SBU) Diplomatic Security (DS) is currently the only U.S. law enforcement agency based at the U.S. Mission to Ethiopia. All other U.S. law enforcement agencies active in Ethiopia are based elsewhere and cover Ethiopia as a constituent post. The RSO usually serves as the control officer and primary point of contact for most visits, requests for assistance and other activities involving U.S. law enforcement agencies in Ethiopia (other offices do handle some foreign policy issues involving U.S. law enforcement).

¶2. (SBU) Every Monday morning at a regularly scheduled Embassy staff meeting (attended by COM, DCM, POL, ORA, DAO, USAID and PAS) the RSO briefs the Ambassador regarding relevant ongoing law enforcement activities and investigations of interest. Other offices in attendance also pass matters of interest to the RSO. This Monday morning meeting effectively serves as a de-facto law enforcement working group.

¶3. (SBU) The RSO has a close working relationship with the Ethiopian Federal Police and is in regular contact with all U.S. law enforcement agencies active in Ethiopia. Direct any questions regarding this matter to Michael E. Bishop, RSO Addis Ababa, at BishopME@state.gov.

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